

CLAIMS

1. A method for treating neurodegenerative disease, comprising:  
introducing an agent to stimulate expression of a non-amyloidogenic  
5 protein.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the neurodegenerative disease comprises neurodegenerative diseases from the group consisting of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and Lewy body disease.

10 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the non-amyloidogenic protein is  $\beta$ -synuclein.

15 4. A method for screening treatments for neurodegenerative disease, comprising:  
stimulating oxidative stress;  
measuring aggregation of NACP/ $\alpha$ -synuclein in neuronal cells; and  
second measuring aggregation of NACP/ $\alpha$ -synuclein to test for a decrease in aggregation, wherein the decrease is indicative of an effective  
20 treatment.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein oxidative stress is stimulated by a mixture of metal-ions and hydrogen peroxide.

25 6. The method of claim 4, wherein oxidative stress is stimulated using an iron-catalyzed oxidative reaction.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein expression of a non-amyloidogenic protein modulates aggregation of NACP/ $\alpha$ -synuclein.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the non-amyloidogenic protein is  $\beta$ -synuclein.

9. A method for screening treatments of neurodegenerative  
5 disease comprising evaluating agents for stimulation of expression of a non-amyloidogenic protein.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the non-amyloidogenic protein is  $\beta$ -synuclein.